
RE: Freedom of information request: spending on portraits F20436

FOI <FOI@southlakeland.gov.uk>

19 August 2020 at 15:40

To: "harry.fone@taxpayersalliance.com" <harry.fone@taxpayersalliance.com>

Dear Harry,

I am writing in respect of your recent enquiry for information held by the Council, I will respond under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

You asked the following:

For the financial years 2019-20 and 2020-21 to date:

*1. How much money has the council spent in total on **commissioned** portraits (i.e. a painting, drawing or engraving of a person)?*

*2. How much money has the council spent in total on **purchased** portraits (i.e. a painting, drawing or engraving of a person)?*

3. For portraits commissioned who was the subject (e.g. member of staff, council leader etc)?

4. If possible, I would be grateful for a breakdown of spending

- Cost of each portrait*
- Name of artist*
- Room hire costs*
- Number of sittings*

Any other fees / charges incurred

I confirm the Council holds the information requested and can confirm the following:

1. £175 for photograph plus £50 for frame
2. £0
3. Council leader

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Yours sincerely,

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Sent: 13 August 2020 16:59

To: FOI <FOI@southlakeland.gov.uk>

Subject: Freedom of information request: spending on portraits

Dear FOI team,

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My preferred format is to receive this information electronically. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me either by email or phone: 07759 151 066.

I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this request as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Harry Fone, Campaign Manager (Grassroots)

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